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REMARKS

Applicant notes and respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated November 22, 2006. Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is requested.

Pursuant thereto, the Examiner is requiring an election of a single species for prosecution on the merits from (1) Fig. 1; (2) Fig. 2; (3) Fig. 3; (4) Fig. 4; (5) Fig. 5; (6) Fig. 11; (7) Fig. 13; and (8) Fig. 14. Although Applicant submits that the generic claim covers all species and are related. Applicant makes the election noted herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Notwithstanding Applicant's traversal of the restriction requirement, Applicant makes the following election. Applicant elects the species shown in Fig. 2. Claims 1-8 and 14-16 are readable on the elected species. Claims 9 and 11-13 have been cancelled. Pursuant to the election and this amendment, Claims 9 and 11-13 are in condition for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant made the election with traverse for the following reasons. The species of Fig. 2 may be incorporated with the embodiment of Fig. 1 without resulting in a different species. The species shown in Figs. 4 and 5 show alternative drive mechanisms that may be incorporated in the embodiment shown in Fig. 2 without resulting in a different species. At least one drive mechanism is required for operation of the invention. The formed wire twist guides shown in Figs. 11 and 12 may also be incorporated with the elected embodiment without forming a different species. Finally, the elected embodiment of Fig. 2 may be magnetically or electrically controlled in connection with

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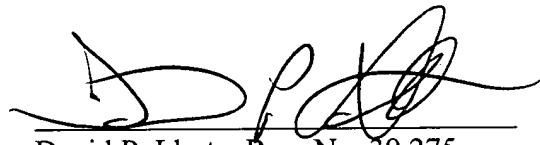
all its components as disclosed and claimed in the application without forming a different species.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees owing and not covered by the enclosed payment to the undersigned's deposit account No. 501708. Also the address for the attorney of record has changed as noted below.

Should the Examiner have any concerns or comments, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone conference in order to expedite this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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